

II. CLAIMS

1. (Original) Air vent covers for attachment to crawlspace walls, over air vent openings, to enclose said air vent openings and seal them against the entry of air and humidity from the atmosphere into the crawlspace, said air vent covers comprising rectangular panels molded from durable plastic composition with a flat outer surface surrounded by a recessed peripheral border provided with a plurality of holes for receiving attachment means for fastening the cover to a crawlspace wall, said rectangular panels also being molded with a recessed inner surface surrounded by a projecting peripheral border, said recessed inner surface being provided with projecting reinforcing ribs which extend across the width of the panels to reinforce the panels against warpage when they are fastened to the crawlspace wall.

2. (Original) Air vent covers according to claim 1 further comprising a sealing means bonded to the projecting peripheral border surrounding the recessed inner surface for providing a continuous seal between the border of the vent cover and the surface of a crawlspace wall to which the vent cover is fastened.

3. (Original) Air vent covers according to claim 2 in which the sealing means comprises a narrow plastic foam insulating tape adhered to the peripheral border of the vent cover.

4. (Original) Air vent covers according to claim 1 in which said reinforcing ribs project outwardly from the recessed surface of said cover a distance equal to the extent of the recess.

5. (Original) Air vent cover according to claim 4 comprising a pair of reinforcing ribs spaced from each other by a distance of about 3".

6. (Withdrawn) Air vent cover for insertion into an air vent opening in a crawlspace wall to plug said air vent opening and seal it against the entry of air and humidity from the atmosphere into the crawlspace, each said air vent cover comprising a tubular rectangular element molded from durable plastic composition with a flat air-impervious outer face surface, each said tubular rectangular element having the same height and width as the air vent opening and sufficient depth to enable it to be frictionally retained within the air vent opening in place of a removed air vent.

7. (Withdrawn) Air vent cover according to claim 6 further comprising a sealing means for providing a continuous seal between the border of the vent cover and the surface of a crawlspace wall into which the tubular rectangular element is inserted.

8. (Withdrawn) Air vent covers according to claim 7 in which the sealing means comprises a bead of adhesive caulk composition.